

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendments to the specification

Applicants have amended the specification to identify SEQ ID NOS:1-27.

Applicants note that previous SEQ ID NO:19 is herein properly identified as two sequences, SEQ ID NOS:21 and 26. This correction was made to comply with WIPO Standard ST.25, in which abasic nucleotides cannot be represented with a single letter code. As such, SEQ ID NOS:21 and 26 contain miscellaneous features describing their modification by the other SEQ ID NO. Applicants note that SEQ ID NO:27 was added as the unmodified version of SEQ ID NO:24. Accordingly, Applicants believe the application is now in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.821 to 1.825.

Sequence listing

Applicants have corrected the sequence listing to properly identify modified bases in SEQ ID NOS:9-14, 21, 24, 25, and 27 in accordance with WIPO Standard ST.25.

The computer readable form (CRF) of the Sequence Listing, submitted January 17, 2006, is herewith replaced by the accompanying substitute computer readable form (CRF). Applicants request entry of this amendment in adherence with 37 C.F.R. §§1.821 to 1.825. The above named sequences, SEQ ID NOS:1-27, are provided in computer readable form, and a paper copy of the sequence information which has been printed from the computer readable form.

The information contained in the computer readable form was prepared through the use of the software program "Patent-In 3.5" and is identical to that of the paper copy. This amendment contains no new matter.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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